

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
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Read Isaiah 1:21-2:22

Background: The passage, 1:21-31, describes the degradation of Jerusalem and, essentially, all of Israel, followed by the promise of God's judgment and destruction. Along the way, the Lord promises renewal. While He will purge the nation (25), He also will restore and redeem Zion with justice and righteousness.

Justice and righteousness are the key ingredients. The lack of them is the cause of judgment and destruction, and the presence of them is the cause of blessing and peace. Remember, it all is about righteousness and justice. When God's people forsake righteousness and justice, they forsake Him (28). The qualities cannot be separated from His person.

Read Isaiah 2:1-22

Again we see the back and forth of judgment and hope. God always is calling His people and His creation to Himself. We do not have to be destroyed or condemned. Remember Jesus' words about Himself in John 3:17-18.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.
He who believes in Him is not condemned;
but he who does not believe is condemned already,
because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Notice the back and forth.

Not sent to condemn the world	But sent to save the world
He who believes is not condemned	But he who does not believe is
Because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God	

Isaiah 2:1-4—Rule of Jehovah

We know this passage—latter days and plowshares and pruning hooks and not learning war anymore.

Let's focus on the focal point—Jehovah.

v. 3—Let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah. He will teach us His ways. We will walk in His ways. He will teach justice and righteousness. We will walk in righteousness and justice.

We dare not focus on the results and miss the point—Jehovah.

And we know that Jehovah and Jesus are one. And we learn more about this later on—the millennial reign of Christ. (See Revelation 20:1-7.)

Isaiah 2:5-22—Day of the Lord

Notice the call in verse 5 to “walk in the light of the LORD.”

Followed by the description of a nation turned from the LORD, from righteousness and justice.

Read vv. 10-12, 17-18

“The LORD alone will be exalted in that day.” (10, 17) There is no room next to God.

Read vv. 10, 19-21

We cannot ignore the “terror of the LORD.”

The Day of the LORD is a day of terror. And people will run, hide, be bowed down, brought low, go into holes and caves, cast away expensive idols to the moles and bats (20), go into the clefts and crags of rugged rocks.

Terror=Glory (heaviness, weight) of His majesty.

When He arises in glory, we fall down in terror. (21)

He calls and calls and calls to us patiently, but when the Day of the Lord comes, He will bring terror and judgment and destruction, and we will see that all of that actually is the Glory of the Lord.

We can seek the glory of the Lord now in peace and forgiveness, or we can be terrorized later by it in our sin.